GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1612
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
SARDAR SAROVER PROJECT
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status, revised cost and time schedule for the completion of the Sardar Sarover Project;

(b) whether the project has witnessed abnormal escalation in terms of time and cost over-run;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the reasons for inordinate delay;

(d) whether the Government have received any representation from any Member of Parliament in this regard;

(e) if so, the details alongwith the decision taken by the Government thereon;

(f) the time by which remaining work of the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The original estimated cost of Sardar Sarovar Project at 1986-87 price level as approved by the Planning Commission in October, 1988 and expenditure incurred up to February, 2000 is as under:-

UNIT/GROUP	APPROVED COST (1986-87) PRICE LEVEL	EXP. COMMULATIVE UP TO FEB, 2000
UNIT-I DAM & APPT. WORKS	1019.45	1840.11
UNIT-II MAIN CANAL	1588.54	2804.14
UNIT-III HYDRO POWER	979.96	969.82
GROU-IV BRANCHES & DIST.	2818.10	2044.08
GROUP-V COMMON EXP.	1519.52	
GROU-VI NON SHARABLE EXP.		17.99
TOTAL	6406.04	9195.66

The present status of progress of work of the various components of the project at the end of February, 2000 is as under:-

Sl.No	Component	Progress Work in Percentage & total quantity: Excav ation	Concerni ng Concreti ng	Drilli ng
1	UNIT -I			
I.	MAIN DAM		85.75	84.40
II.	VADGAM SADDLE DAM	98.88	100.00	100.00
		100.00		

2 UNIT –II

I.	NARMADA MAIN CANAL	99.47 99.98	97.52
II.	(0 to 144.5 Km.)		
III.	NARMADA MAIN CANAL (144 to 263 Km.)	95.24 94.70	91.21

3. UNIT-III

1.	RIVER BED POWER HOUSE	95.85	
OPEN	UNDER GROUND	91.55	
II.	CANAL HEAD POWER HOUSE	100.0 100.00	100.00

4. UNIT-IV

I.	BRANCH CANAL (0.-144 Km.)	97.56 93.92	98.66
II.	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	83.15 84.34	87.95
III.	SEVEN MAJOR STRUCTURES	99.12 81.48	92.66
IV.	BRANCH CANAL (144-263 Km.)	79.71	50.00
V.	SAURASHTRA BRANCH CANAL ITS BRANCHES	89.72	73.11

The Sardar Sarovar Dam was scheduled to be completed by June 1998as per the original construction programme. However, while hearing the Writ Petition filed by Narmada BachaoAndolan in April 94 the Supreme Court in its order dated 5.5.1995 directed to maintain the effective height of dam at RL 81.5 m and subsequently permitted vide interim order on 18.2.99, to raise the height of dam upto RL 85 m excluding humps required for the safety o f dam. A definite construction schedule is necessary, to estimate the escalation in cost, which depends on the final verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(d) & (e) A number of representations have been received from various Members of Parliament who have been informed that the project has been delayed mainly on account of the matter being subjudice.

(f) Further raising of the height of the dam is subjudice in the Supreme Court. However, the work on construction of Narmada main canal is in progress which is scheduled for completion in June 2004.